

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ for placing a label (1) of any external profile with a first central opening (2) on a compact disc (3) ~~with~~ and a second central opening (4), the device comprising:

a. a positioning member (5) having at least one centering member (7), the external dimension of which is adapted to the first central opening (2) of the label (1), and having a centering part (8) in its center, the external diameter of which is adapted to the second central opening (4) of the compact disc (3), and which projects beyond the centering member (7)[[.]];:

b. a base member (9) with an outer ring (10) supporting a disc-shaped top surface (11); on which a label (1) can be arranged, whereby the top surface (11) has a central opening (12) within which the positioning member (5) is located moveably perpendicular to the top surface (11), and projects be[[.]]yond the top surface (11) in an inoperative position (13), and in a labeling position (14), is lowered into the central opening (12), ~~characterized in that, the outer ring (10) has at least one flexible tongue (15, 16) in a first fitted groove (17, 18) of the outer ring (10), the tongue root (19) of which is connected at a base section (20) of the outer ring (10), where said outer ring has at least one flexible tongue in a first fitted groove of the outer ring, the tongue root of which is connected at a base section of the outer ring~~ and the tongue tip (21) of which supports a flexible supporting beam (22, 23) whereby the supporting beam (22, 23) extends radially inwardly from the tongue tip (21) into a second fitted groove (24, 25) of the top surface (11) up to the positioning member (5)[[.]]; and

c. ~~that the~~ a second base member having (9) ~~has~~ at least one mounting position (41, 42 ~~or 43, 44~~) for at least one profile part (45) at its top surface (11) for adapting the device to the external profile of the label.

2. (Currently amended) Device The device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the profile part (45) has at least one fitted part (46) which is insertable into the mounting position (41, 42, 43, 44), and ~~in that~~ the profile part (45) is a beam

(47) with at least two journals (48, 49) which are insertable into two fitted mounting positions (41, 42 or 43, 44) on the top surface (11) of the base member (9).

3. (Currently amended) ~~Device according to~~ The device of claim 1 or claim 2, characterized in that wherein the mounting position has at least one opening in the top surface (11) of the base member (9) with a polygonal cross-section.

4. (Currently amended) ~~Device according to any of the preceding claims,~~ characterized in that The device of claim 1, wherein the profile part (45) has at least one journal with a polygonal cross-section.

5. (Currently amended) ~~Device according to any of the preceding claims,~~ characterized in that The device of claim 4, wherein the profile part (45) is positioned on a compensation disc ~~whereby the compensation disc has~~ having a central opening corresponding to the central opening (2) of the label (1).

6. (Currently amended) ~~Device according to any of the preceding claims,~~ characterized in that The device of claim 1, wherein the cross-section of the at least one flexible tongue ~~tongues (15, 16)~~ is concave-curved[[,]] and each of the at least one flexible tongue (15, 16) has a pressure point.

7. (Currently amended) ~~Device according to any of the preceding claims,~~ characterized in that The device of claim 1, wherein the positioning member (5) forms a one-piece unit (6) with a centering member (7) and a centering part (8).

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Device according to any of the preceding claims,~~ characterized in that The device of claim 7, wherein the centering member (7) and the centering part (8) are moveable together perpendicular to the top surface (11).

9. (Currently Amended) ~~Device according to any of the preceding claims,~~ characterized in that The device of claim 1, wherein the centering member (7), the centering part (8), the flexible supporting beam (22, 23, 26), the flexible tongue (15, 16) and the outer ring (10) are connected to each other non-releasably.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~Device according to any of the preceding claims,~~ characterized in that The device of claim 1, wherein the device (30) is made out of one piece.

11. ~~(Currently Amended) Device according to any of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterized in that~~ The device of claim 1, wherein the device (30) is one single
injection-molded part.

12. ~~(Currently Amended) Device according to any of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterized in that~~ The device of claim 1, wherein the positioning member (7) has
a ring-shaped base (28) as a centering member, on the surface (29) of which the
centering part (8) projects in the center.

13. ~~(Currently Amended) Device according to any of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterized in that~~ The device of claim 1, wherein the centering member (7) is a
ring (31) having a base plate (32) in the center of which the centering part (8) is
positioned.

14. ~~(Currently Amended) Device according to any of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterized in that~~ The device of claim 1, wherein the distance between the
compact disc (3) and the label (4) corresponds to the height of the centering
member (7), according to which the centering member (7) projects beyond the top
surface (11) of the outer ring (10).

15. ~~(Currently Amended) Device according to any of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterized in that~~ The device of claim 1, wherein the centering member (7) has at
least two ring segments (33, 34) projecting beyond the top surface (11) of the outer
ring (10), and are connected to each other through a circular base plate (32).

16. ~~(Currently Amended) Device according to any of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterized in that~~ The device of claim 1 wherein the supporting beams (22, 23,
26) are tapered radially inwardly towards the positioning member (5).

17. ~~(Currently Amended) Device according to any of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterized in that~~ The device of claim 1, wherein the flexible tongue (15, 16) is
broader in its tongue root section (19) than in the tongue to tip section (21).

18. ~~(Currently Amended) Device according to any of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterized in that~~ The device of claim 1, wherein the outer ring (10) is reinforced
at the base section (20).

19. (Currently Amended) ~~Device according to any of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ The device of claim 1, wherein the outer ring (10) has an outer flange (34) in the base section (20).

20. (Currently Amended) ~~Device according to any of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ The device of claim 1, wherein the edge region of the central opening (12) of the top surface (41)[[.]] has a reinforcement (36) is provided at the lower side.

21. (Currently Amended) ~~Device according to any of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ The device of claim 1, wherein at least three flexible tongues (15,16) with three flexible supporting beams (22, 23, 26) are positioned on the circumference of the outer ring (10).

22. (Currently Amended) Method A method for using the device according to any of ~~claims 1 to 21~~ claim 1 for labeling a compact disc (3), ~~having the following procedure comprising the steps of:~~

[[-]] a. fitting a profile part into at least one mounting position or placing a corresponding compensation disc having a profile part, in case a label is to be applied on a corresponding compact disc having an external profile differing from a circular shape[[.]];

[[-]] b. placing the label (4) with non-adhesive side downwards onto the horizontal disc-shaped top surface (41) of the base member (9) whereby the adhesive side of the label (4) points upwards, and the label (4) is pushed with its central opening (2) over the centering member (7);

[[-]] c. detaching a lamination sheet from the adhesive side of the label (1);

[[-]] d. placing the compact disc (3) with its labeling side downwards onto the positioning member (5) whereby the compact disc (3) is pushed with its central opening (4) over the centering part (8), and rests on the centering member (7), and whereby the distance between label (4) and compact disc (3) is determined by the height, according to which the centering member (7) projects beyond the disc-shaped top surface (41) in the inoperative position (13);

[[-]] e. pushing down the positioning member (5) with the compact disc (3) being placed on the centering member (7), from the inoperative position (13) in

vertical direction into the labeling position (19) onto the adhesive side of the label (4); and

[[-]] f. relieving the positioning member (5) whereby the positioning member (5) bounces back into the inoperative position (13) due to the flexible tongues (15, 16) at the outer ring (10), and, thereby raises the labeled compact disc (3) from the top surface (11) of the base member (9) resting on the centering member (7).

23. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ A method for manufacturing a labeling device according to ~~any of claims 1 to 21 for a~~ for compact discs (3) comprising the steps of:

[[-]] a. providing a first two-part injection mould with a lower mould and an upper mould, forming together a hollow mould in an assembled and sealed state, whereby the hollow mould corresponds to the shape of the labeling device (30) ~~according to one of claims 1 to 21~~ [[-]] of claim 1;

[[-]] b. injecting plastic into the closed first injection mould under filling up of the hollow mould with plastic,

[[-]] c. opening the first two-part injection mould, and removing the labeling device made from plastic [[-]] and

[[-]] d. ~~injecting~~ injection molding the profile part or a compensation disc with profile part by means of a second injection mould.